

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hekmatpour U.S. Patent No. 5,644,686; hereinafter Hekmatpour. Claims 3-6 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hekmatpour in view of Bly et al. 2002/0087345; hereinafter Bly. Claims 2-6 and Claim 8-15 are canceled. Claim 1 is amended to call for "providing certifying and recertifying of a user including a training manager providing a menu of tools and materials to be certified or recertified and providing means for selection of tools and materials to be certified or recertified to use and providing a listing for selection of trainers who are in the system to train to be certified or recertified." It is not seen where this is taught or suggested in either reference. Claim 1, as amended, is therefore deemed allowable over the references.

Claim 7 is amended. Claim 7, as amended, calls for "a training manager for certifying and recertifying a user; said training manager providing a menu of tools and materials to be certified or recertified and means for selection and a listing of trainers for selection who are in the system to train before giving access to the tools or materials." It is not seen where this is taught or suggested in either reference. Claim 7, as amended, is therefore deemed allowable over the references.

Claim 16 calls for "a training manager for certifying and recertifying a user; said training manager including means for auditing a person to be a user; said auditing means including means for determining if the audit is a subform or a primary form where said subform addresses devices that use unique combinations/sequences of log

points and operations on a tool; and if a primary form or subform means for determining if the audit is an initial certification or recertification.” This is not taught or suggested in these references. Claim 16 is therefore deemed allowable over these references.

Claims 17-20 dependent on claim 16 are deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 16. Claim 17 further calls for “if the audit is a subform and is an initial certification means for determining if the minimum training time limit is passed on the primary form and if not terminating the audit and if the minimum time limit is passed determining if there is a prerequisite certification for this audit and if not performing the audit and if so determining if the trainer has the required prerequisite and if not to terminate the audit and if so begin the audit.” This is not taught or suggested in these references.

Claim 18 further calls for “if a subform and a recertification is to be performed determining if an audit is required for recertification and if not terminating the audit and if recertification is required determining if the certification is locked in a table on a primary form and if so to terminate the audit and if not to begin the audit.” This is not taught or suggested in these references.

Claim 19 further calls for “wherein if the audit is a primary certification and is an initial certification determining if the minimum training time limit is passed and if not terminating the audit and if the minimum training time has passed determining if there is a prerequisite certification for this audit and if not performing the audit and if so determining if trainer has the required prerequisite and if not to terminate the audit

and if the trainer has the required prerequisite performing audit.” This is not taught or suggested in these references.

Claim 20 further calls for “wherein if the audit is a primary re-certification determining if an audit is required and if the audit is not required terminating the audit and if determining the audit is required determining if the certification is locked in a training table and if so to terminate the audit and if not to begin the audit.” This is not taught or suggested in these references.

Claim 21 calls for “auditing a person to be a user comprising the steps of determining if the audit is a subform or a primary form where said subform addresses devices that use unique combinations/sequences of log points and operations on a tool; and if a primary form or subform determining if the audit is an initial certification or recertification.” It is not seen where this is taught by these references. Claim 21 is therefore deemed allowable.

Claims 21 – 24 dependent on claim 21 are deemed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21 and for reasons similar to claims 17-20.

A review of the other references of Hollingsworth Patent 6,157,808, the Keller publication 2004/0225390 and the Delfing publication 2004/0241627 was made. It is not seen where these references teach applicant’s claimed invention in claims 1, as amended, claim 7, as amended, and claims 16-24.

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In view of the above amendments applicants Claim 1, as amended, and 7, as amended, and added claims 16-24 are deemed allowable and an early notice of allowance of these claims is deemed in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested;

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